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TURKEY AND THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, as reported by Reuters recently, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is ready for a "political settling of accounts with history" provided that historians would prepare an unbiased study of claims that millions of Armenians were the victims of genocide under Ottoman rule during the First World War.

That accounting has already been done. A March 7, 2000 public declaration by 126 Holocaust Scholars affirmed the incontestable fact of the Armenian Genocide and urged Western democracies to officially recognize it.

This declaration by foremost scholars from around the world was adopted at the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Scholar's Conference on the Holocaust convening at St. Joseph University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 3-7, 2000. The petitioners, among whom is Nobel Laureate for Peace Elie Wiesel, also called upon Western democracies to urge the government and parliament of Turkey to finally come to terms with this dark chapter of Ottoman-Turkish history and to recognize the Armenian Genocide. According to this renowned gathering, Turkish acknowledgment would provide an invaluable impetus to that nation's democratization.

As part of the groundbreaking conference held in September 2000 by the Library of Congress and the Armenian National Institute in cooperation with the U.S. Holocaust Museum, the prestigious Cambridge University Press, early in 2004, released a vital new publication—"America and the Armenian Genocide of 1915." This edition covers all facets of the leading U.S. response to the Armenian Genocide, which encompassed the first international human rights movement in American history. Oxford University's Sir Martin Gilbert, Cambridge University's Jay Winter and more than a dozen American academics were among the participants in that landmark conference. In a keynote address, Sir Martin recalled that Rafael Lemkin, who developed the concept of genocide, derived the word itself from the atrocities inflicted on the Armenians.

Prime Minister Erdogan's apparent willingness for a political settling of accounts with history should be treated as an important opportunity for those who have been urging Turkey to come to terms with its Ottoman past. If Turkey is prepared to acknowledge the Armenian Genocide, then its leaders can proceed immediately to direct dialogue with its counterparts in Armenia to define a common vision for the future.

I also urge the government of Turkey to: decriminalize speech within Turkey, destroy all monuments, museums and public references to the specious notion that the Armenian minority committed genocide against the majority Turks, end denial within Turkey, specifically within textbooks and reference books, officially condemn any attacks against all Turks that acknowledge the facts of history, and end the

global campaign of threats against any nation that is in the process of affirming the Armenian Genocide.

By so doing, Turkey will begin the vital process of preparing its citizens for a more complete and honest assessment of the final acts of the Ottoman Turkish state. Facing history squarely will liberate Turkey.

THE UNITED STATES MUST CONTINUE TO STAND WITH UKRAINE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today in this chamber we heard a compelling voice for the power of freedom and democracy in President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine. Just a few months ago, the Ukrainian people stood up for genuine liberty in their country by peacefully demanding free and fair elections in what has become known as the Orange Revolution.

I am proud that the United States stood with the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians that demonstrated for democracy in the streets of Kiev. I will never forget last November 24th, when I joined nearly 1,500 Ukrainian-Americans from around the country at a demonstration in support of fair elections outside Ukraine's Embassy in Washington.

The Orange Revolution marked an important milestone in the history of Ukraine. President Yushchenko today addressed forcefully both the lessons of the past and fervent hopes for the future. Now that this peaceful revolution has been dramatically launched, we must stand with the people of Ukraine as they work to strengthen their democratic institutions and to make their country more prosperous. The U.S. should do more, not less, to help build a democratic and prosperous society in Ukraine.

In particular, we must end trade restrictions that were enacted for a different Ukraine at a different time. To achieve this result, I introduced H.R. 1170, a bill to extend permanent normal trade relations to Ukraine. The U.S. must work promptly for the admission of Ukraine to the WTO.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate President Yushchenko on his election and the Ukrainian people for their determination to decide the future of their country. I urge the House of Representatives to make sure that the United States continues to stand with Ukraine as a friend and ally.

IN HONOR OF DR. JAMES POOLE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James A. Poole, a longtime contributor to the Pacific Grove community. Dr. Poole served as a Navy Dentist at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA and established a general dentistry practice in Pacific Grove. He was voted "Best Dentist" by Monterey Peninsula residents.

Born in Portland, Oregon, Dr. Poole attended Oregon State University as a member

of Phi Theta Delta. He obtained his degree in dentistry from the University of Oregon School of Dentistry.

Dr. Poole served in Vietnam as both a medical and dental officer for the United States Navy where he received the Rear Admiral's Citation for outstanding care and emergency service for the ship and field personnel. Dr. Poole also bravely established Military Outreach Programs in the form of dental clinics on nearby islands where he attended to the needs of local nationals.

"Painless Poole," as he was known by the Monterey Peninsula clients of his general practice office, also enjoyed hiking, camping, whitewater rafting, skiing and mountain climbing.

Dr. Poole died on March 19th after an admirable and courageous fight following an emergency surgery to correct a dissecting aortic aneurysm. He was an inspiration to family, physicians and hospital staff.

A TRIBUTE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring before this Congress the following outstanding young people who have voluntarily served orphans, public school children, college students, juvenile delinquents, and needy families under the official invitation and authority of government agencies in Russia, Mongolia, Romania, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and China. The excellent character demonstrated by these young people, as well as their commitment to the principles upon which our Nation was founded, have not only attracted the attention of leaders, parents, the media, and students, but it has also brought honor to the United States of America and to the Lord Jesus Christ whom they serve.

Adams, Grant (OK); Aguilar, Nikki (CA); Allen, Jessica (TX); Allen, Rebekah (KS); Alspaugh, Alissa (OK); Alspaugh, Julie (OK); Altman, Rachel (OH); Alvarez, Humberto (MEX); Anders, Erin (MI); Atherton, Tiffany (KS); Backus, Pamela (AR); Baggott, Jessica (NY); Bair, Aileen (IL); Bair, Robert (IL); Baker, Rachel (OK); Ballmann, Christie Ruth (TX); Ballmann, Karyn (TX); Bartlow, Jeremy (TX); Bartlow, Joshua (TX).

Bavido, Bonnie Jean (OK); Bean, Amy (CA); Beaulieu, Anna (MN); Becker, Jeremy (MS); Becker, Johanna (MS); Behrens, Katherine (MI); Bell, Elaine (TX); Bell, Lauren (TX); Bell, Mike (TX); Bender, Anthony (CA); Bender, Patty M (CA); Bender, Steven (CA); Bohlen, Daniel (MI); Bollinger, Chiree (MO); Bourne, Clifford (PA); Bourne, Daniel (PA); Bourne, William (PA); Boyd, Hannah (TX); Boyd, Rachel (MI).

Brook, Nolan (VA); Brown, Kathryn (CA); Brubaker, David (PA); Brubaker, Emily (PA); Brubaker, Jeni (PA); Brubaker, Leon (PA); Brubaker, Luke (PA); Brubaker, Mary (PA); Brubaker, Nathan (PA); Burge, Everett (AR); Burnett, Lydia (CAN); Bushatz, Luke (OH); Busse, Jenece (MO); Canterbury, Debra (FL); Carlisle, Jeshua (MO); Cato, Cheryl (LA); Cato, David (LA); Cato, Timothy (LA); Cavanaugh, Daniel (IL).

Cavanaugh, Micah (KY); Chen, Anna (NY); Chen, Faith (NY); Chen, Grace (NY); Chen,